



CAASPP & CAST TESTING INFORMATIONAL LETTER

December 16, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

First, let me assure you that as a former classroom teacher and school principal, I understand that a single test score will not give us everything that we need to know about how your student is doing. Our students are much more than a once-a-year assessment score.

Your student's participation in these assessments is vital to us. Not only does it provide an academic data point for us, it provides other families and the state insight on how our academic program is doing. Since we are publicly funded, participation and testing response numbers in this state assessment is crucial for our growth as a school. It does impact us as a school, but it also provides an opportunity for a family to see how their student compares to other students in the State of California. In addition, our teachers will be able to use this as ONE data point to individualize student's academic growth plan.

Our goal is to ensure every student becomes an actively literate, contributing member of society. The tests your student will take are designed to measure how we are doing in meeting these goals. **Your student will take the CAASPP tests during our designated testing window, which is the week of March 16-20, 2020.** Your student's teacher will be sending you more detailed information regarding your specific testing date(s), time and location in the coming weeks.

If you have questions about the assessment, or available accessibility resources, your student's teacher, educational specialists, or mentor teacher is the best place to start. If you have any questions regarding your student's participation, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you for your commitment to helping all of our students succeed!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sabrina Ciolino".

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sabrina Ciolino

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